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Docket No. SPLX.P0014

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In the application of:

Steven Teig

Serial No.: 09/739,589

Filing Date: 12/15/2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PRE-COMPUTING AND USING
MULTIPLE PLACEMENT COST
ATTRIBUTES TO QUANTIFY THE
QUALITY OF A PLACEMENT
CONFIGURATION WITHIN A
PARTITIONED REGION

Examiner: Annette Thompson
Group Art Unit: 2825

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated 1/2/2003, attached please find:

1. This Amendment Transmittal Letter;
2. An Amendment and Response to the Office Action;
3. A Petition for Extension of Time;
4. A Return Receipt Post Card.
5. Charge \$930.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1128.

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ADDED CLAIMS	*	*	x \$18.00	\$*
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				TOTAL = \$930.00

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this transmittal and associated documents, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50-1128**.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2003, please amend the patent application as follows:
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